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Application Number	10/017,177
Filing Date	12/18/2001
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Art Unit	3679 9-6-02
Examiner Name	NICHOLSON
Attorney Docket Number	SC-5330

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____
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- a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 19-0225

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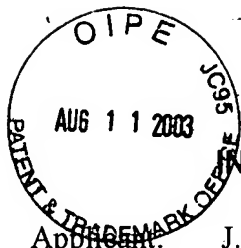
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Serial No.: 10/017,177

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: Method and Arrangement
for Providing a Gas-tight
Housing Joint

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Unit: 3679

Examiner: E. Nicholson

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AMENDMENT B

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.